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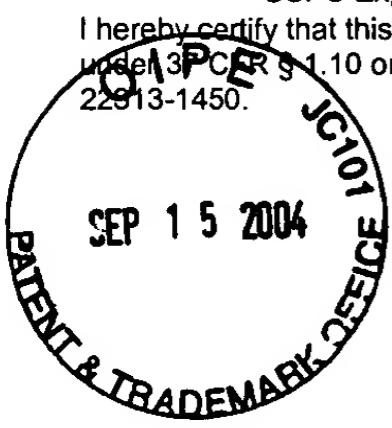
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

I. Lawrence GREENFIELD

Application No.: 09/724,613

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND  
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC  
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS AND  
PROTEASES

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) Group Art Unit: 1637

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2004. Applicant filed an Amendment and Response to Final Office Action on July 15, 2004, but that Amendment and Response was not entered. A check including the extension fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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